

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year.

Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Closed Sundays and Holidays. Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

March 2009 Activities



Spring Break

Tuesday, March 24th

10a.m. **Kids Games** ~ Kids of all ages gather at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center for a Bat & Moth game and other fun activities. We will make a Spring Banner to display at the Visitor Center. Join in the adventure at your public property! **vc**

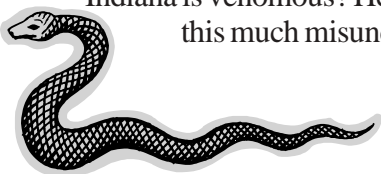
1p.m. **Turtles are Terrific** ~ Take a look at the amazing world of turtles. Snapping turtles, box turtles, and mud turtles are a few of the more common ones around Patoka. With a special guest, we will explore the world of this fascinating species of omnivore and the laws that protect them. **vc**

Wednesday, March 25th

1p.m. **Hummingbirds Up Close** ~ With a nature video, explore the world of this jeweled wonder of the backyard feeders. What do hummers eat besides sugar water? How tiny is a baby hummingbird? See their nest and discover amazing facts about our tiniest bird. **vc**

Thursday, March 26th

1p.m. **Snakes of Patoka** ~ Take a close-up look at some common and not-so-common snakes of Patoka. How can you tell if a native snake of Indiana is venomous? Hear facts and myths about this much misunderstood creature. **vc**



Friday, March 27th

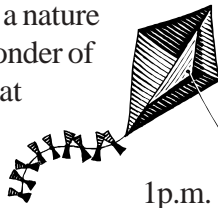
10a.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? What does today's creature have as physical features? What is it? How does it eat? Come and see. **vc**

1p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Hear stories from Patoka's heritage as we walk the old road called the "Narrys". Learn about maple syrup and how people lived in the early 1900's. Stories featured from the memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard include logging, kids going to school and hunting. **vc**

Saturday, March 28th

10a.m. **Kite Flying** ~ Bring your kites to the Patoka Beach area. Let's experience the winds of March and learn about updrafts and winds that are used by birds to fly. Enjoy the spring winds and a friendly competition with this outdoor activity. **b**

1p.m. **Birds of Patoka** ~ Learn about common and not-so-common birds of Patoka and southern Indiana. Where are the loons? What about the rose-breasted grosbeak? Find out why Patoka is the place for terns and osprey. Enjoy a surprise guest as we take a fascinating look at the world of birds! **vc**



BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



Donations may be sent to:

Indiana Natural Resources Foundation
attn: C52 Fund
402 W. Washington St., # W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For a detailed schedule of viewing times or more information about Patoka's resident raptors, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, call the Visitor Center at 812.685.2447 or check out the web: www.in.gov/dnr/c52

VOLUNTEERS at Patoka

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to assist with programs and projects, please contact the Patoka Lake Visitor Center.

Check out the possibilities!

We look forward to another exciting year!

Hoosier Quest Program

Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs is introducing it's new incentive program, the **Hoosier Quest Program**, to replace the former patch program. Participants can earn one of 33 different collector lapel pins while volunteering for properties, attending interpretive naturalist programs and completing activities to better understand Indiana's natural resources. The program encourages family involvement, showcases Indiana's finest areas, and highlights career possibilities.

Stop by Patoka and try out the Hoosier Quest program. Enjoy the season, and get out there to "Discover", "Connect" and "Explore" your way into the heart of your Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs.

For more information regarding the Hoosier Quest program contact the Patoka Lake Visitor Center at 812.685.2447 or any Indiana State Park or Reservoir.

Spring Festival

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April 18th

10a.m. to 2p.m.

(Eastern Daylight Time)



Spring Walk

Taste of Patoka Wild Game
Recycling Displays & Activities
Plant & Seed Savers Exchange
Raptor Programs

Crafts * Games * Relay
and MORE!

